

City Bids

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ulation of 22,201. The local Chamber of Commerce estimated the population as of Jan. 1951 at 29,323. Even since that time the tract homes have brought a large influx into the community which should bring the population well over the 30,000 mark.
Stevens said that an off-year census of this type is very rare. "I feel in dollars and cents, the census will repay itself many times," Stevens said.

Asst. Chief Exam

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the ordinance clarified before they took the examination. City Manager George Stevens insisted that he asked the County Civil Service because Ashton and Haslam had asked for more time to prepare themselves.
"Considering that both men wanted to cancel it, and they were the only ones eligible to take it, I saw no reason for not obliging them," said Stevens.
15 YEARS
Both Haslam and Ashton felt that anyone with 15 years of police experience should be given a crack at the examination. They stressed the importance of keeping the respect of their men. They pointed out that if you do not have the support of the patrolmen it breaks down the morale.
Chief John Stroh, now on vacation, was contacted at his home. He said that Stevens had asked him if it was all right to cancel the examination.
"I gave my approval," said Stroh. "There's no reason why the most capable man should not be eligible to hold the position."
When the examination will be held again could not be ascertained.

Hull's Retention

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Hull's contract will be renewed, since he is very close to the Board of Education as presently constituted. In fact, one board member told the Press that they are "solidly behind Dr. Hull."
By lack of action, Dr. Hull would be automatically elected for a new four-year term, under the amendment which further reads:
"In the event the governing board of a district fails to re-elect or re-employ the superintendent of schools of the district as such superintendent and the written notice herein provided for has not been given, the superintendent of schools shall be deemed re-elected for a term of the same length as the one completed, and under the same terms and conditions and with the same compensation."
H E FIVE YEARS
Dr. Hull originally was appointed after the first Board of Education election in the Spring of 1947. The law provides that a superintendent shall have a four-year contract.
In June of 1948, his contract was rewritten and extended to June 30, 1952, or a total of five years.
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Building Permits

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21065 Amie street, \$250 addition to shed; Edward Demagian, 4340 Redondo Beach boulevard, \$2000 public garage building.
Olson Glass Co., 2501 Western avenue, contractor, Rich Sign Co., \$275 neon sign; Orrier Fenton, 3415 W. 189th street, \$100 garage slab; Aldous Hertzfeldt, 3323 W. 186th street, contractor, Kelly Construction Co., \$600 private garage.
Joseph S. Lamb, 206 Via Los Altos, \$11,500 residence and garage; Earl O'Farree, 3215 W. 188th street, \$1000 private garage; Guy D. Edgcomb, 239 Vista del Parque, \$8,700 residence and garage; D. M. Brewer, 409 Via La Selva, \$17,500 residence and garage.
J. K. Middlebrooks, 5229 Doris Way, \$250 addition to residence; Louis Levy, 2950 Redondo Beach boulevard, \$500 for 2 commercial signs, contractor, Chief Neon Sign Co.
PRIVATE GARAGE
Fred L. Swartz, 1024 Cota avenue, \$600 private garage; G. S. Munyer, 24206 Ward, \$350 moved-in garage; John W. Simmons, 22790 Ocean, contractor, Colonial Court Co., \$350 siding on residence.
The Doris Builders took out permits for five homes and garages totaling \$46,000. They are to be located at the following addresses: 3754, 3772, 3766, 3778, 3760 West 174th street.
Freman Battershall, 3218 Torrance boulevard, contractor, Dura-Bilt Fences, \$250 fence; same fences and price for Charles Jannic at 1210 Fonthill and M. Bliss at 1225 Fonthill—first one valued at \$100 and latter at \$200.
Also Dura-Bilt redwood fences for Anderson, 3217 Opal street, \$250; R. Bowen, 3301 Opal street, \$150; and George Bartram, 3209 Opal street, \$200.
Frank Morris, 125 Via La Ciruela, \$11,500 residence and garage; Ralph E. Moreland, 20509 Madrona, \$1,200 addition to residence; Metal Clad Insulation, 1759 Western, \$10,175 addition to plant.
W. Verburg, 1815 Crenshaw, \$4,000 addition to sales room; Edward Nelson, 120 Paseo de las Delicias, \$85 alteration to garage; Paul Day, 358 Camino de las Colinas, \$225 concrete block wall; Wagner Realty Co., 2515 Torrance boulevard, Wagner Construction Co., \$100,000 public market.
E. Collier, 18545 Regina avenue, \$250 addition to residence; R. J. Bidwell, 3215 W. 187th street, \$350 private garage; B. J. Haggard, 1915 Arlington, \$200 for re-roofing residence; and Jim Dandy Market, 2515 Torrance boulevard, contractor J. E. Mackel for \$3000 neon sign tower and contractor, QRS Neon Corp., for \$650 neon sign.

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one concern," said Hull, "they want us to wait with our \$3,000,000 bond campaign until the \$2,000,000 water bonds have been approved."
The water bond issue is scheduled for Jan. 8, 1952.
"We're in full accord," said Hull. "We need plumbing as well as education. Certainly we want to do nothing to jeopardize the well-being of the community."
This is the second school bond issue since Torrance took over the educational facilities from the Los Angeles Board of Education.
The huge population influx was cited as the reason for the bond election. It was pointed out that at the start of the year approximately 5000 students were registered. Now there are 6,000—making over a 1,000 increase since the schools opened their doors for the Fall semester.
Of the \$3,000,000 bond issue, it was pointed out, almost \$2,000,000 will be used for the construction of a second high school in Torrance.

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Water Board

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ever, the moment someone else hooked into the line, he would get a refund for a portion of the cost.
City Attorney James Hall pointed out that this would require an ordinance. McVicars said that he realized this.
Another important item concerned the hiring of a temporary employee for 90 days who failed to pass the Civil Service examination.
"We would like to keep her because she is efficient and fits in with the organization," said McVicars. "Would it be possible to get a 90 days extension on her? She is already working on borrowed time."
"Is there anyone on the regular civil service list," asked Councilman Nick Draie.
"Yes, there are two on the regular Civil Service list," volunteered City Manager George Stevens.
"Then I suggest you check with the Civil Service Board," declared. "You know they meet this week."

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